AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) There was some increase in the activities of some fundamentalist and subversive elements in May in Kashmir Valley. June was, however, comparatively free from trouble and tension.

(c) There was some decline in the number of domestic tourists in the Valley in May but June was almost normal.

(d) The situation in the valley is kept under constant watch. State Government is taking preventive and other appropriate measures to tackle the situation. Assistance whenever asked for is also provided.

336. *Transferred to the 31st July, 1989.*

Evasion of excise duty by cigarette manufacturers

337. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that evasion of excise duty to the tune of crores of rupees by the cigarette manufacturers in the country have been detected from 1982 to 1987;

(b) if so, what is the amount of evasion of excise duty during the above period;

(c) what steps Government have taken to recover the excise duty from the cigarette manufacturers; and

(d) whether any evasion of excise duty has taken place during 1988-89; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of Central Excise duties allegedly evaded by cigarette manufacturers during the above period as per show cause notices issued, is approximately Rs. 2100 crores.

(c) Out of the above cases only two show cause notices have so far been adjudicated. Recoveries in these two cases have been stayed by the Tribunal/Court subject to deposit of Rs. 20 lakhs in one case. The question of recovery of excise duty in other cases will arise only after the same are adjudicated.

(d) During the calendar years 1988 and 1989, the amount of Central Excise duties allegedly evaded by the cigarette manufacturers is approximately Rs. 122 crores as per show cause notices issued.

निर्यात की जाने वाली मदों का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये उपाय

338. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन मदों का निर्यात किया गया और उनका वर्षवार निर्यात मूल्य कितना-कितना था ;

(ख) निर्यात की जाने वाली मदों के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए प्रशासनिक व्यवस्था में सरकार द्वारा किए गए सुधारों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान निर्यात के मामले में प्रशासनिक कमियों के संबंध में प्राप्त हुई शिकायतों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(घ) क्या इस प्रकार की शिकायतों के आधार पर किन्हीं अधिकारियों को दोषी पाया गया ; और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो उनमें से प्रत्येक के खिलाफ की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या है ?